

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE  
COMMISSION OF ELDER AFFAIRS  
STATE OF IOWA  
February 13, 2002**

**TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING:**

A teleconference business meeting of the Commission of Elder Affairs was held on February 13, 2002.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PARTICIPATING:**

Chairperson Harold Davis, Craig Downing, Clemmie Hightower, Hazel Chuck, Dr. Jane Paulsen,

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:**

J. Russell Lowe, Dr. Yogesh Shah, Representative David Johnson, Representative Todd Taylor, Senator Joe Bolcom, Senator Sheldon Rittmer

**OTHERS:**

Dr. Judith Conlin, Brenda VanderHijde, Greg Anliker, Joel Wulf, Mary Ann Young, Debi Meyers, Beth Bahnson, Phyllis Huber, Todd Savage, Donna Harvey,

Chairperson Harold Davis called the meeting to order at approximately 1:30 p.m. The Commission Secretary conducted roll call. A quorum was present.

**I. MINUTES**

**AGENDA  
ITEM #1A**

Corrections to the minutes were discussed and have been implemented in the minutes.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Downing moved to accept the minutes of January 17, 2002. Commissioner Hightower seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Chairperson Harold Davis, aye; Craig Downing, aye; Clemmie Hightower, aye; Hazel Chuck, aye; Dr. Jane Paulsen, aye. Motion carried.

**REPORTS**

Director

Judy Conlin reviewed Governor Vilsack's recommendation with the Commissioners. Conlin urged the Commissioners to contact the legislatures in their area and express concern over what the effect would be to the elderly in Iowa concerning more budget cuts.

## **REPORTS** Iowa Association of Area Agencies on Aging

Barbara Morrison reported the AAA's and IDEA met to examine and find solutions to become more efficient and effective. Morrison continued stating IAA has two priority positions; first to maintain the SLT and second to spare state elderly services from any further cuts. Morrison asked for personal stories regarding how valuable it is to have elderly services available.

### **II. OLD BUSINESS** Iowa Code Update

#### **AGENDA ITEM #2A**

Joel Wulf stated that in Study Bill 598 the language on confidentiality monitoring would be removed. Wulf also stated HF 2257 is out of committee and will be debated on the house floor on February 13, 2002.

Todd Savage presented the proposed changes to 235B of the Iowa Code. There have been many meeting involving collaboration with Iowa Department of Elder Affairs, Iowa Department of Human Services, and the Area Agencies on Aging.

### **II. OLD BUSINESS** Employment

#### **AGENDA ITEM #2B**

Mary Ann Young referred to the memo included in the Commissioner's packets regarding the Record of Public Comment and Department Response changes in the Employment Rules for Mature/Older Workers. This proposal merges the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) and the Retired Iowans Community Employment Program (RICEP) by creating the Senior Internship Program (SIP). This program will provide employment opportunities for Iowans 55 years of age and older. The Administrative Rules Review Committee on Friday, February 8, 2002, Room 116 of the Capitol Building will review these Rules.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Downing moved to accept the proposed amendments as indicated in the attached Public Comment Response. Commissioner Paulson seconded the motion.  
Motion carried.

### **II. OLD BUSINESS** Waivers

#### **AGENDA ITEM #2B**

Young continued that the Department of Elder Affairs has proposed Iowa Administrative Rules to provide a uniform process for the granting of waivers and variances of administrative rules of the Department. This action is taken to be in compliance with Executive Order 11 and Iowa Code section 17A.9A. The proposed rules were published for comment in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on January 9, 2002. No comments were received and the changes are recommended to the attached proposed rules.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Hightower moved to accept the adoption of the attached Administrative Rules 321, Chapter 1 related to the process of granting waivers and variances of rules

adopted by the Department. Commissioner Chuck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**II. OLD BUSINESS** Resident Advocate Committee

**AGENDA  
ITEM #2B**

Deb Meyers stated the Department of Elder Affairs is proposing the Administrative Rules change to define the role and responsibility of Resident Advocate Committees and the Office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman in implementation of accountability measures. The proposed change also modifies the distribution of reports of Resident Advocate Committee meetings. The changes have been reviewed by the Care Coalition for the Office of the Ombudsman and copies have been provided to the area agencies on aging. No comments were received from Area Agencies on Aging. The Department proposes to file these rules for Notice of Intended Action, which will include opportunity for public input.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Chuck moved to approve the proposed changes in Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 9, Resident Advocate Committees, for filing as Notice of Intended Action. Commissioner Downing seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**II. OLD BUSINESS** Proposed Senior Living Program Rules

**AGENDA  
ITEM #2B**

Greg Anliker stated that originally the Department wanted to waive Administrative Rule 28.4(1)d.3 and 28.5(4)a since funds which are "means tested" are not allowed under the Older Americans Act to be used as match for the federal funds. Due to Senior Legislation and persons wanting to tap into the SLT for funds, IDEA has decided to deal with this issue through AoA to reconsider their position, which does not appear to be based on law but rather on someone's interpretation.

**II. OLD BUSINESS** SLP Update

**AGENDA  
ITEM #2C**

Anliker reported that there are 5,995 elderly clients receiving one or more services. Please refer to previous distributed reports.

**III. OTHER**

Beth Bahnson, Administrator for the Home and Community Based Services Division, has been invited to apply to become a fellow of the Balancing LTC Systems Fellows program, an RWJ program for state leaders. The core staff includes Robert and Rosalie Kane from the University of Minnesota School of Public Health; Dick Ladd, former Director of Senior Services for Oregon and Commissioner of Human Services for Texas; and Robert Mollica, Director of the National Academy for State Health Policy. The fellows meet at least twice year to share ideas and experiences with each other and with program alumni, and to consult with experts. The purpose of the program is to create a better system of long-term care for older people.

### **III. OTHER**

Conlin reported on what is being called at this time the, "Seamless System Project." IDEA staff met with Donna Harvey, Patty Eshe, Marvin Webb, Carol Boyles, DHS and Judy Winkelpleck. Areas of which they have discussed include, mission statement, value statement, 7 objectives, proposal writing and review of the project. The draw down for these funds will be on July 1, 2002. Conlin had the Commissioners mark their calendars for a May 3, 2002 public announcement of the project.

### **IV. Adjournment:**

### **AGENDA ITEM #4A**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Hightower moved to adjourn. Commissioner Chuck seconded the motion.

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:00 P.M.

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Chair

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Date

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Recording Secretary

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